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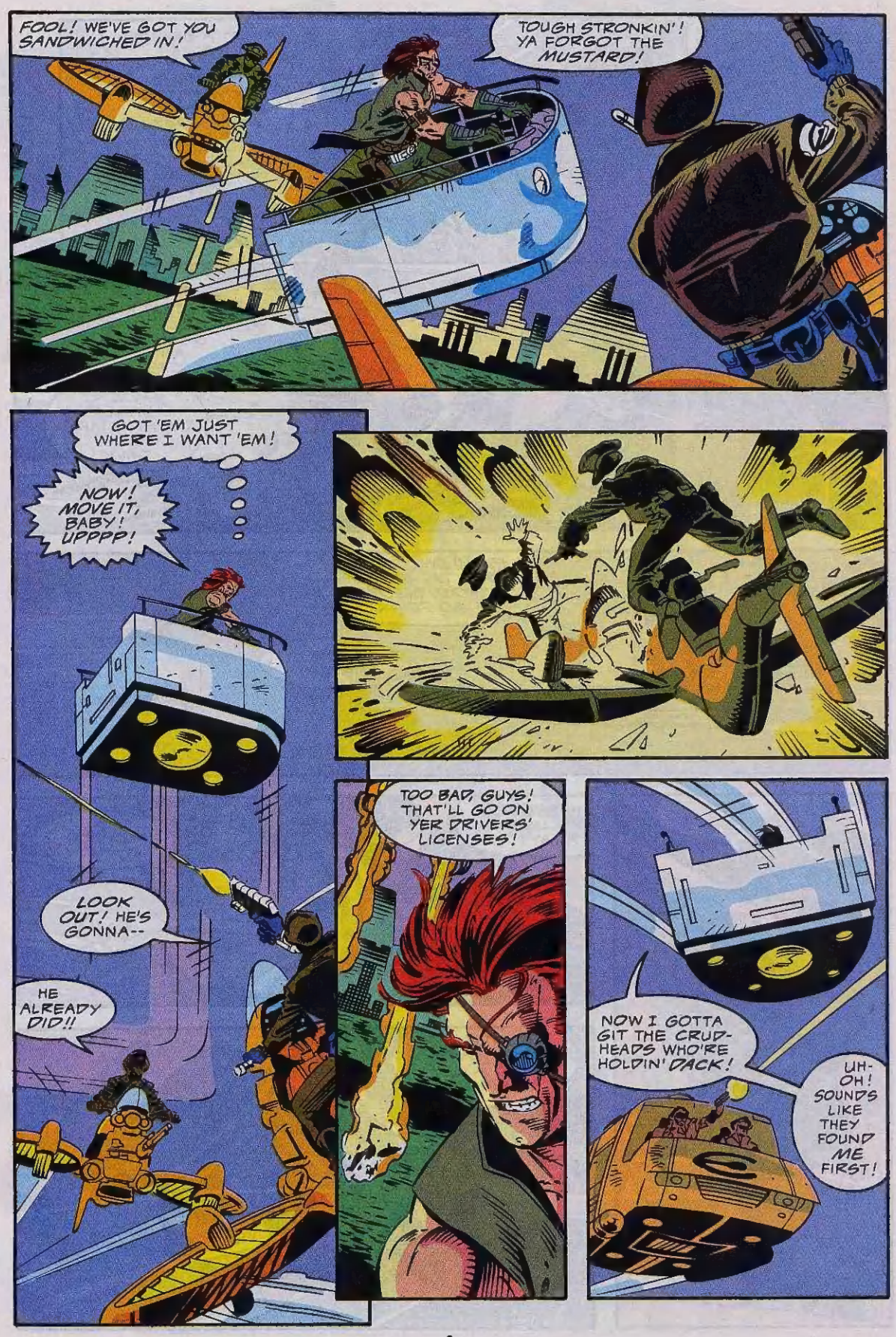
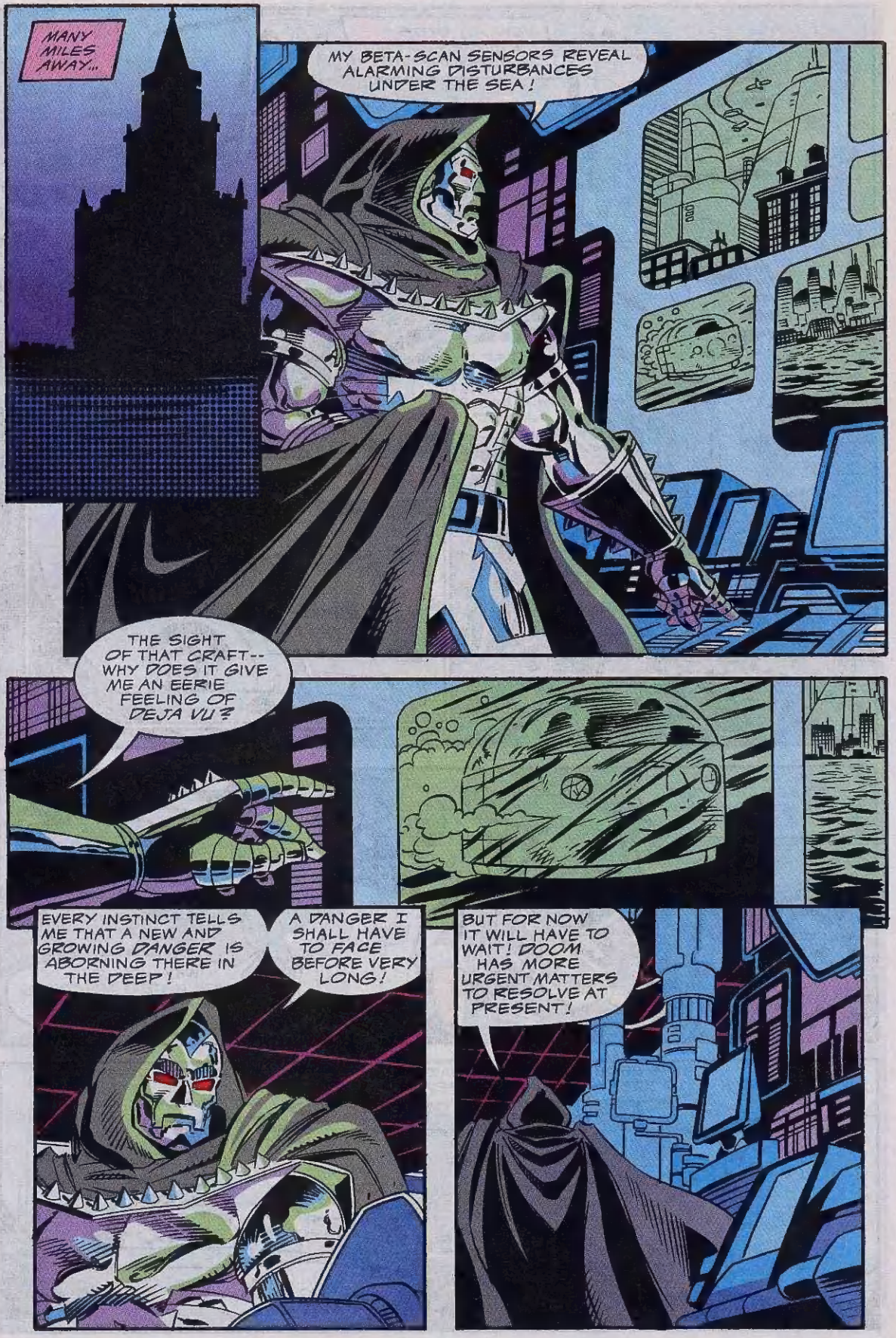
RAVAGE! FORGET ME! SAVE TIANA!
HE'S FINISHED! WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SAVE HIMSELF!
LOTS'A OTHER GUYS SAID THAT! THEY'RE DEAD NOW!
THE WOMAN IS OURS! GIVE THE ORDER TO SUBMERGE!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
CAN'T DO NO ONE NO GOOD WHILE I'M A SITTIN' DUCK!
I GOTTA GIT BACK TO THAT FLYIN' TUB!
THEY'RE FIRIN' BLIND-- FIGURIN' I AIN'T GOT A CHANCE ANYWAY!
IF I WUZ STILL RUNNIN' THINGS, I'D BUST 'EM FER BEIN' SUCH LOUSY SHOTS!
BUT RIGHT NOW, I AIN'T COMPLAININ'!
STAY SMOOTH, DACK! I'M ON THE WAY!

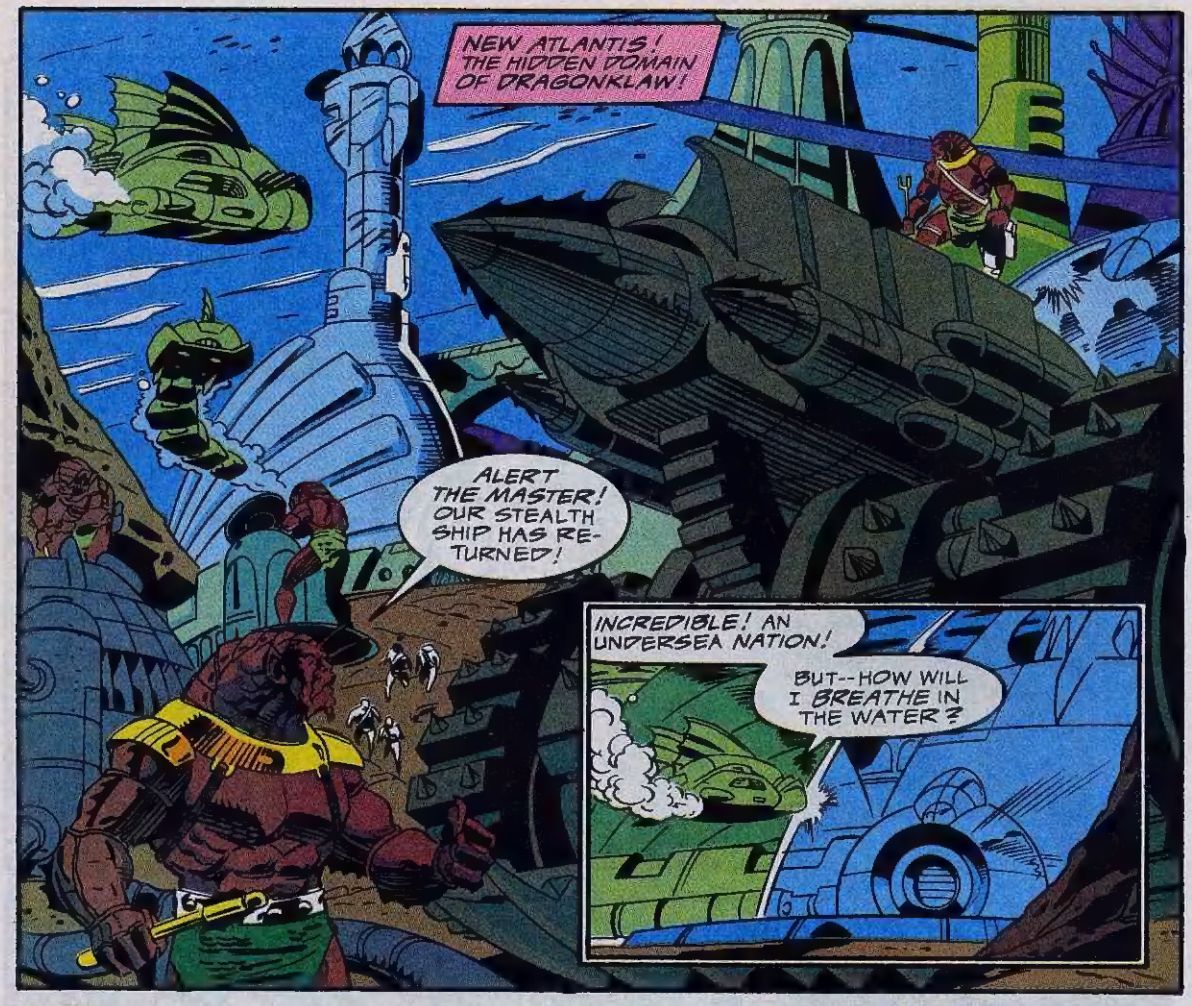

FOOL! WE'VE GOT YOU SANDWICHED IN!
TOUGH STRONKIN'! YA FORGOT THE MUSTARD!
GOT 'EM JUST WHERE I WANT 'EM!
NOW! MOVE IT, BABY! UPPPP!
LOOK OUT! HE'S GONNA--
HE ALREADY DID!!
TOO BAD, GUYS! THAT'LL GO ON YER DRIVERS' LICENSES!
NOW I GOTTA GIT THE CRUD-HEADS WHO'RE HOLDIN' DACK!
UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE THEY FOUND ME FIRST!

YA GOT A BAAAAD ATTITUDE!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK YA WERE HOSTILE OR SOME-THIN'!
KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU SCRUM-BALLS?
=UNHH!= I'M HIT!
THAT EYE-PIECE HE WEARS GIVES HIM THE AIM OF A CYBORG!
SHOCK! HE NAILED THE AUXILIARY FUEL TANK!
HANG ON! I'LL RAM THE SON-OF-A-TROID BEFORE WE GO DOWN!
GO FOR IT, MISTER!
GET BACK IN THE SHIP!
YOU GUYS ARE HISTORY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSIN' WITH!
HE-HE'S NOT PULLING AWAY!
HE MUST BE INSANE!
S'MATTER, BIG MAN? SCARED T'MEET A GUY HEAD-ON?

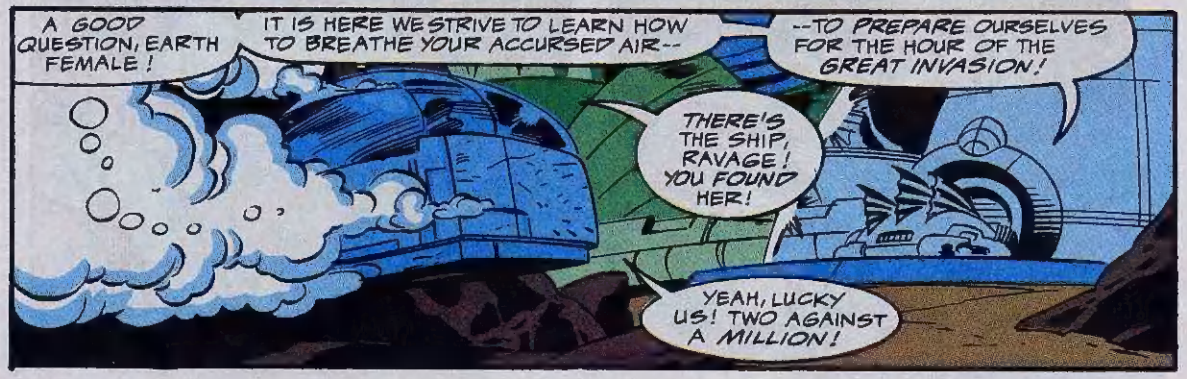
NOW THAT THEY KNOW THEY AIN'T UP AGAINST SOME CREAM PUFF--
I GOTTA GET BACK OUTTA HERE!
HEY, KID-- HERE I COME!
HEAR THAT, BUTT-HEAD? MY RIDE'S ON THE WAY!
OOOMFF
GOTTA TIME THIS JUST RIGHT! WON'T GIT A SECOND CHANCE!
C'MON, SHORT STUFF, LOOK ALIVE! HERE'S A HUNK'A CHAIN FOR YA!
YOU ALWAYS GOTTA DO THINGS THE HARD WAY?
THEY'RE LOSIN' FUEL! THEY CAN'T FIGHT ANY-MORE!
YEAH! I'M ALL SHOOK UP!
NOW I GOTTA GIT RID'A YOU AN' GO AFTER THOSE FISH-EYES WHO GRABBED TIANA!
RID OF ME? NO SHOCKIN' WAY!

LOOK, LITTLE MAN, THE LAST FEW MINUTES WUZ A PICNIC COMPARED TO WHAT I GOTTA DO NEXT!
SO FIRST, I'M DROPPIN' YOU OFF SOMEWHERE SAFE!
FOR A SMART GUY YOU'RE A REAL SCUZZ-BRAIN! HOW SAFE D'YA THINK I'D BE WITHOUT YOU?!
AFTER TODAY, THE PUBLIC EYE'LL BLAST ME ON SIGHT! AND THEY'RE EVERY-WHERE!
YER RIGHT! YA'D HAVE NO PLACE T'HIDE!
OKAY, OKAY, LET'S STOW THE SPEECHES!
DON'T WANT TIANA T'DIE OF OLD AGE BEFORE I FIND HER!
HOVER
SUBMERGE
WHAT A SCUZZY DEAL! I GOTTA BE NURSEMAID TO A CRUDDY KID!
HEY, HANGIN' OUT WITH YOU AIN'T EXACTLY A BARREL OF FUN, EITHER!
THINK YA CAN ZIP IT LONG ENOUGH FER ME T'SEAL UP THIS TUB?
SURE, BUT HOW'D YA KNOW THE PLEXIGLASS TOP WOULD BE WATER-PROOF?
I DIDN'T!
LUCKY I GUESSED RIGHT, OR WE'D BOTH BE GURGLIN' OUR GUTS OUT ABOUT NOW!
CHEEE! MAYBE I WOULD'A BEEN SAFER ON SHORE!


MANY MILES AWAY...
MY BETA-SCAN SENSORS REVEAL ALARMING DISTURBANCES UNDER THE SEA!
THE SIGHT OF THAT CRAFT-- WHY DOES IT GIVE ME AN EERIE FEELING OF DEJA VU?
EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME THAT A NEW AND GROWING DANGER IS ABORNING THERE IN THE DEEP!
A DANGER I SHALL HAVE TO FACE BEFORE VERY LONG!
BUT FOR NOW IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT! DOOM HAS MORE URGENT MATTERS TO RESOLVE AT PRESENT!


NEW ATLANTIS! THE HIDDEN DOMAIN OF DRAGONKLAW!
ALERT THE MASTER! OUR STEALTH SHIP HAS RE-TURNED!
INCREDIBLE! AN UNDERSEA NATION!
BUT--HOW WILL I BREATHE IN THE WATER?

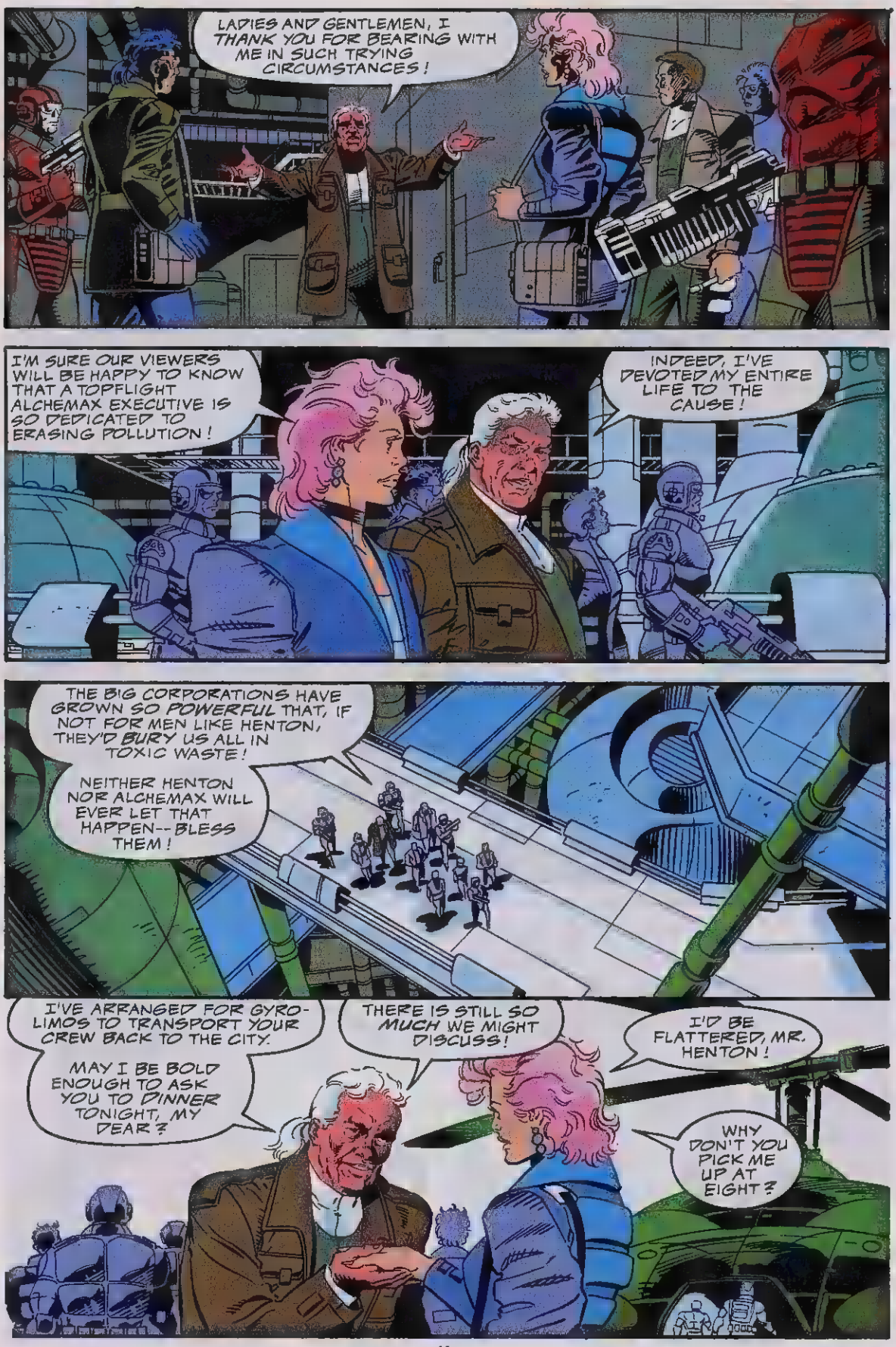
HERE IN OUR OXYGEN CHAMBER YOU WILL BE SAFE-- FOR NOW!
WHY WOULD YOU WATER-BREATHERS HAVE AN OXYGEN CHAMBER?


A GOOD QUESTION, EARTH FEMALE!
IT IS HERE WE STRIVE TO LEARN HOW TO BREATHE YOUR ACCURSED AIR--
--TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE HOUR OF THE GREAT INVASION!
THERE'S THE SHIP, RAVAGE! YOU FOUND HER!
YEAH, LUCKY US! TWO AGAINST A MILLION!

WE'RE FROM "ONE HOUR LIVE", MR. HENTON!
SORRY, I DON'T GIVE INTERVIEWS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT!
OF COURSE, IF YOU WANT THE PUBLIC TO THINK YOU'RE AFRAID TO TALK TO US--
NONSENSE! I'VE NOTHING TO HIDE! ASK AWAY!
POLLUTION ON THE EAST COAST IS REACHING AN ALARMING LEVEL!
WE'VE LEARNED THAT THE CANTUROL CHEMICAL WORKS IS THE CHIEF OFFENDER!
WHAT?! IF THAT'S TRUE, I'LL HAVE THEIR HIDES!
HAVE MY GYRO-CAR BROUGHT 'ROUND-- IMMEDIATELY!
I HAVE DEDICATED MY VERY LIFE TO FIGHTING POLLUTION!
I INSIST YOU COME WITH ME!
YOU'LL SEE HOW ALCHEMAX HANDLES POLLUTERS!
TOXIC POISONING OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS MANKIND'S GRAVEST THREAT!
I HAVE SWORN TO BATTLE IT TILL MY LAST DYING BREATH!
THAT'S A VERY NOBLE SENTIMENT, MR. HENTON!

THERE'S THE PLANT-- DIRECTLY BELOW US!
DOWN--AT FLANK SPEED! GIVE THEM NO WARNING!
JUST ONE QUESTION, CANTUROL!
HAVE YOU EXCEEDED POLLUTION LEVELS?!!
MR. HENTON! I-I--
YES, SIR, I DID!
BUT YOU MUST ADMIT, I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING YOUR OWN ORD--
SILENCE!
I'LL HEAR NO MORE!
A SELF-CONFESSED POLLUTER MUST PAY IN FULL FOR HIS DESPICABLE CRIME!
GENTLEMEN, DO YOUR DUTY!

ALTHOUGH HE WAS GUILTY OF THE MOST HEINOUS CRIME OF ALL, I AM SORELY DISTURBED!
FOR, YOU SEE, I ABHOR VIOLENCE!
YOU POOR, NOBLE, DEDICATED MAN!
FORGIVE ME FOR A MOMENT WHILE I TRY TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER!
HOW LUCKY FOR US ALL THAT SUCH A FINE, CARING MAN IS HEAD OF ALCHEMAX!
YOU BLUNDERING IDIOT! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO CANTUROL! YOU COULD BE NEXT!
DOUBLE THE CHEMICALS YOU'VE BEEN USING -- AND DON'T BE CARELESS!
IF ANY OTHER NEWSMEN COME SNOOPING AROUND, MAKE SURE THEY NEVER LEAVE -- ALIVE!
YES SIR, MR. HENTON! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, SIR!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT FEMALE REPORTER FROM "ONE HOUR LIVE"?
SHE'S THE ONE WHO BLEW THE WHISTLE ON US IN THE FIRST PLACE!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THANK YOU FOR BEARING WITH ME IN SUCH TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES!
I'M SURE OUR VIEWERS WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT A TOPFLIGHT ALCHEMAX EXECUTIVE IS SO DEDICATED TO ERASING POLLUTION!
INDEED, I'VE DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO THE CAUSE!
THE BIG CORPORATIONS HAVE GROWN SO POWERFUL THAT, IF NOT FOR MEN LIKE HENTON, THEY'D BURY US ALL IN TOXIC WASTE!
NEITHER HENTON NOR ALCHEMAX WILL EVER LET THAT HAPPEN--BLESS THEM!
I'VE ARRANGED FOR GYRO-LIMOS TO TRANSPORT YOUR CREW BACK TO THE CITY.
MAY I BE BOLD ENOUGH TO ASK YOU TO DINNER TONIGHT, MY DEAR?
THERE IS STILL SO MUCH WE MIGHT DISCUSS!
I'D BE FLATTERED, MR. HENTON!
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ME UP AT EIGHT?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN I HELP YOU TO LEARN TO BREATHE AIR?
I'M NOT A DOCTOR--OR A SCIENTIST!
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE.
WE SIMPLY NEED HUMANS TO EXPERIMENT UPON--UNTIL WE LEARN HOW THEY PROCESS OXYGEN!
EXPERIMENT? I'M NOT A GUINEA PIG!
THAT IS FORTUNATE! WE TRIED GUINEA PIGS, BUT THEY ALL DIED INSTANTLY!
WE HOPE TO BE LUCKIER WITH HUMANS!
THEY'VE LASTED A LITTLE BIT LONGER--SO FAR!
BRING THE HUMAN FORTH! ALL IS IN READINESS!
YOU DISAPPOINT US, TROOPER! YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MORE SUBJECTS! YOU KNOW HOW GREAT IS THEIR DEATH RATE!
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ME AS IF I'M NOTHING--JUST SOME LIVING MATTER TO BE TESTED, THEN THROWN AWAY!

THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN SUITABLY PREPARED. LET THE TESTING BEGIN!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO--
DISSECT YOU, OF COURSE!
HOW ELSE CAN WE STUDY THE FUNCTION OF YOUR LUNGS?
HOLD IT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUST TAKING X-RAYS?
PLEASE! YOU MUST BE QUIET!
SORRY IF I'M DISTURBING YOU!
BUT YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY MAKING ME JUMP FOR JOY!
BELIEVE ME, THIS IS NOTHING PERSONAL!
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF!
AND NOW, WE WILL START THE--
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S THAT?!!
MY SCALPEL-- IT MELTED!

THAT AIN'T ALL THAT'S GONNA MELT IF YA MAKE ONE MORE MOVE TOWARDS THAT LITTLE LADY!
RAVAGE!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
IF I AM, I'M THE FIGHTIN'EST SCRUMMY GHOST YOU EVER SAW!

DACK! DACK! WHERE THE SHOCK ARE YA Z!!
RIGHT HERE, RAVAGE— BEHIND YOU!
GIT OVER T'TIANA AN' CUT HER LOOSE! I'LL COVER YA, KID!
STEP ON IT, HALF-PINT! I DUNNO HOW LONG THIS BLUE-FLAMED BLAST STUFF OF MINE'LL HOLD OUT!
QUIT SHOUTIN', WILLYA? I'M MOVIN' FAST AS I CAN!
AIN'T FAST ENUFF! THEY GOT NO SENSE'A HUMOR! THEY'RE GETTIN' MAD!

I APPRECIATE THE WOLF WHISTLE, BUT STOP STARING AND GET MY CLOTHES!
OKAY, OKAY! I DON'T BLAME RAVAGE FOR HAVIN' A CRUSH ON YA!
DACK-- GRAB A BLASTER WHILE SHE'S DRESSIN'! THEY'RE COMIN' FROM ALL SIDES!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE LETTING ME THINK YOU WERE DEAD!
AND I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR AN APOLOGY!
SORRY, LADY! I'M KINDA BUSY RIGHT NOW!
HERE'S AN INTER-ACTIVE PRESENT FOR YA, FISH-FACE!
BOTH OF YA-- GIT BEHIND ME!
WE'RE HIGH-TAILIN' IT OUTTA HERE!
HOW CAN YOU GET PAST ALL THOSE WARRIORS?
BY DOUSIN' THE SCRUDDY LIGHT!
THEY CAN'T HIT WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE!
BUT WE CAN'T SEE OUR WAY OUT!
ALWAYS ONE KILLJOY IN TH' CROWD!

QUICK! THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS!
THEY MUSTN'T GET AWAY!
HIS HANDS! WATCH HIS HANDS! THEY'RE GLOWING IN THE DARK!
GOOD! WE FOUND THE EMERGENCY SWITCH!
NOW, AS SOON AS OUR EYES CAN ADJUST TO THE RED GLARE--
QUICK! TAKE MY HAND! FOLLOW ME!
IT'S RAVAGE!
THEIR EYES'RE TOO FISHLIKE! WE GOT THE ADVANTAGE FOR THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!
WE CAN KISS THAT ADVANTAGE GOODBYE! THERE GO THE NORMAL LIGHTS!
HEY, RELAX, KNEE-HIGH! I BEEN IN TIGHTER SPOTS THAN THIS!
NOT SINCE YOU TRIED TO FIT INTO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GYM SUIT!
LADY, ONE THING WE SURE DON'T NEED IS A SMART-MOUTH FEMALE!

IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK-- WHERE ARE WE GOIN'?
WE'RE HEADIN' FER MY SHIP-- TO GIT OUTTA HERE! ANY MORE BONEHEAD QUESTIONS?
I HATE TO BE A SPOIL-SPORT-- BUT LOOK OVER THERE!
IT'S TOO WIDE --WE CAN'T RUN PAST IT!
AN' NO ARTILLERY'S GONNA STOP THAT TUB!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAND BLAST? YOU USED IT BEFORE!
YEAH! GOT NOTHIN' T'LOSE!
WELL, I'LL BE STRONKED! DIDN'T KNOW I HAD IT IN ME!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

NEL TELLS

Over two years ago executive editor **Carl Potts**, VP Publishing [illegible] and VP Direct Sales **Carol Kalish** and I chowed down at [illegible] local eatery and laid the groundwork for what [illegible] to be the most ambitious comic book project ever undertaken.

The long-awaited and much talked about result will hit the shops in April. We're calling it EPIC BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR and it is, I [illegible] you, unlike any comic book you have ever held in your hands.

For me, editing this series became an incredible eye-opening journey down the darkest corridors of American history. A period when brother fought against brother, when former classmates stood opposite one another [illegible] the blood-soaked battlefields of [illegible] torn nation.

Working with [illegible] team of writers and artists who lived the many months of research and execution side-by-side with me and assistant editor [illegible] **Ashford** [illegible] historical heavyweight, *American Heritage*, which acted as consultant and opened its over-flowing library files for our use.

Each book, 96 pages in trade paperback format, covers the story of two famous battles. In addition to the spectacularly illustrated stories, we've included maps and text pieces to help you appreciate this very special reading experience. Each book also has [illegible] double gatefold cover that literally pulls you into the action and suspense of the battles.

The hype simply can't do this one justice. You'll be in the shops, anyway. Just check this one out and let [illegible] know what you think. You will not be disappointed.

Nel

— Nel Yomtov

A popular joke on the Blue Area of the Moon goes like this:

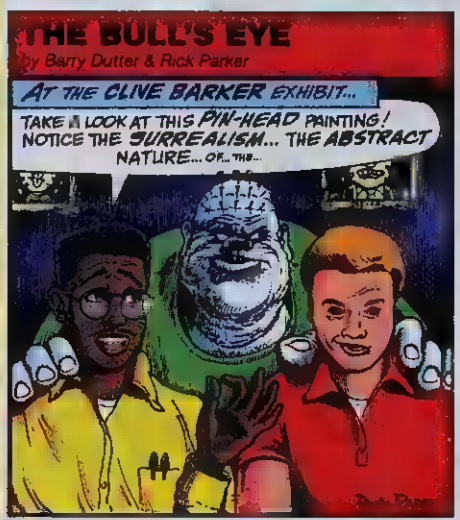
1st Inhuman: It's raining cats and dogs out there.

2nd Inhuman: How do you know?

1st Inhuman: I just stepped on Lockjaw!

The joke is a lot funnier if you're [illegible] Inhuman. Actually, Lockjaw is [illegible] great dog. He's been working his tail off lately [illegible] we thought we'd throw him [illegible] skeleton (a bone just wouldn't cut it)

Just about the only thing a dog can't do is get into the [illegible] **Clive Barker** [illegible] exhibit at the [illegible] Cutter Gallery in Manhattan. The exhibit started on March 19 and runs through April 24.


THE BULL'S EYE
by Barry Dutter & Rick Parker
AT THE CLIVE BARKER EXHIBIT...
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PIN-HEAD PAINTING! NOTICE THE SURREALISM... THE ABSTRACT NATURE... OF... THE...

By now, some of you may think we're Barkering up the wrong tree by talking about Clive's artwork. Not [illegible] all. In addition to tearing your soul apart with his literary and cinematic masterpieces, like HELLRAISER and NIGHTBREED, Clive is also [illegible] very talented artist! Now is your chance to follow Clive from the netherworld to the art world, and see his original drawings of everyone's favorite Cenobite, Pinhead. Clive promises that all the drawings in the show are "fantastical," adding "there are things in the show that the Motion Picture Association of America wouldn't allow me to put up on the screen." Clive [illegible] hard [illegible] work on his latest HELLRAISER sequel, [illegible] well [illegible] launching the all-new "Barker-verse" here at Marvel, and [illegible] monthly series featuring ol' Needle-Nose himself ... Pinhead! Pinhead will be practicing his own brand of attack-upuncture starting this July. But don't worry about him — he's paper-trained.

A few Marveloids may have to do some paper-training of their own [illegible] they recently added some new puppies to their litters. First up is INVADERS artist **Dave Hoover**, whose wife **Karen** gave birth to a lovely daughter, **Lauren**, [illegible] few months back. The baby showed up seven weeks early, and Dave's been workin' like [illegible] dog ever since, putting in many hard day's nights — and a few dog-day afternoons.

Pit-Bullpenner **Ariane Lenshoek-Pinheiro** (no relation to Pinhead) also recently celebrated the arrival of [illegible] new Invader into her home. Ariane left staff in December, so that she and her lovely husband, **Orlando**, could welcome little **Jade** into the world. (With [illegible] daughter named Jade, you can tell Ariane works [illegible] [illegible] colorist!) In addition to adding her magnificent hues (no relation to Adam Hughes) to IRON MAN each month, you [illegible] also find Ariane's inking in this year's AVENGERS ANNUAL.

Another hot dog who bolted from staff like a greyhound out of the gate is "Big" **Barry Dutter**, who recently had some book or other about television published with **Rick Parker.** The [illegible] of the book escapes us at the moment. These days, Barry is getting so much writing work, he's living in the deadline doghouse! Now that Barry is off the leash, **Mike** [illegible] has collared [illegible] new assistant, **Joe** [illegible] — which only goes to show that every dog will have his day and every cat gets nothing. Joe is perhaps best known as the intern who had his ankle broken under mysterious circumstances during [illegible] Marvel/DC softball game a year or so ago. Reports of Kryptonite on the field are [illegible] being investigated.

Those are all the bones we have to pick with you this week. Be here next time for another look into the Doghouse of Ideas!

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- **ALPHA FLIGHT #121:** Alpha heads to the U.S. so **Spidey** and **Wolverine** can guest star!
- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #378:** Venom is spewing venom at **Carnage**, and **Shriek** thinks it's a scream!
- **BARBIE #30:** Skipper's home on the range as a rootin', tootin' cowgirl!
- **CIVIL WAR SERIES #1:** It's just like a PBS mini-series ... but you don't have to pledge any donations!
- **CIVIL WAR SERIES #2:** More action than the Infinity War — it's the Battle of Gettysburg!
- **DARKHOLD #9:** Who is **Diabolique**, and why is she saying those terrible things about me?
- **DR. STRANGE ANNUAL #3:** Introducing **Killian!** Will he become Doc's new disciple?
- **GHOST RIDER #38:** If the **Scarecrow** only had a brain, he wouldn't take on Ghost Rider!
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #37:** Team-up with the Galactic Guardians against **Dormammu!**
- **HELLRAISER: BOOK OF THE DAMNED #4:** Find out how much **Pinhead** can lift/press!
- **INVADERS #2 OF 4:** After 50 years ... the return of the *original* **Vision!**
- **LANCE BARNES: POST NUKE DICK #3 OF 4:** Lance gets mauled at the mall!
- **MARVEL COMICS #130: Wolverine**/Lynx! **Ghost Rider**/Typhoid Mary! Talk about your odd couples!
- **MIDNIGHT MEN #1 OF 4:** It's an all-Chaykin extravaganza!
- **PENDRAGON 2 #12:** It's mystical ... it's technical ... it's a MyS-TECH wars cross-over!
- **PUNISHER WAR ZONE #16:** Punny gets his memory back! Let's see ... I remember killing some criminals ...
- **QUASAR #47:** Quasar takes **Thunderstrike** on his quest to get his quantum-bands back!
- **RAVAGE 2099 #7:** Ravage acquires a super power! Welcome to the Marvel Universe!
- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #210:** Featuring the Spider-God and his whole eight-legged family!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #4: Ghost Rider, Punisher** and **Sleepwalker** are on the road to find Roadkill!
- **SILVER SABLE #13:** Sable unleashes her rage against **Cage!**
- **SILVER SURFER TPB: REBIRTH OF THANOS:** Reprinting the story of the biggest comeback since Alan Thicke!
- **SLEEPWALKER #25:** Sleepy wakes up to find a new *origin* and a new direction in this double-sized issue!
- **SPIDER-MAN TPB: ASSASSINATION PLOT:** Available again!
- **WILD THING #3:** SHIELD may be cancelled, but they can still make guest appearances!
- **WOLVERINE #70:** Wolvie and Rogue in an explosive battle with **Javron!**
- **WONDER MAN #22:** Simon is fighting **Death!** Hint to Simon: challenge him to a game of Twister!
- **X-FACTOR #91:** X-Factor battles **Armageddon!** As Def Leppard once asked, Armageddonit?
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES #8:** Is Colossus a *killer*? Only Ralph Macchio knows for sure!

[illegible] FRANCA [illegible] [illegible]

HEY, BIG MAN, YOU DID THAT JUST LIKE A REAL SUPER-HERO!
A WHAT?
Y'KNOW, THE GUYS IN COMICBOOKS! DIDN'TCHA EVER READ ONE?
NEVER HAD TIME FER THAT KIND'A SKUZZ!
RAVAGE, YOU'RE NOT KEEPING UP WITH US! WHAT'S WRONG?
DUNNO! ALL OF A SUDDEN-- I FEEL REAL WEAK--LIKE MY BODY'S TURNED T'RUBBER!
LEGS GETTIN' SHAKY! CAN'T-- RUN ANYMORE!
WALSH
MUST BE YOUR HANDS! THEY HURLED SUCH A HEAVY BLAST THAT IT WEAKENED YOU!
MAYBE IT'LL HELP IF YOU PUT YOUR GLOVES ON!
I GET IT! WHEN YOUR GLOVES GO ON, THEY DEADEN YOUR POWER, HUH?
HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WHERE DID THAT BLUE GLOWING BLAST COME FROM?
IT'S A CRUMMY POWER IF IT WEAKENS 'IM EVERY TIME HE USES IT!
HEY, KID-- GIVE IT A REST, WILLYA?
KEEP MOVIN'! MY SHIP'S JUST AHEAD!
DRAGONKLAW! IF WE DELAY WE LOSE THEM!
GIVE THE ORDER TO FLOOD THE TUNNEL AND THEY WILL BE DESTROYED!
NO!

HE FOUGHT A VALIANT FIGHT, AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS! HE HAS EARNED HIS FREEDOM!
AT ANY RATE, HE HAS ONLY GAINED A BRIEF RESPITE!
ONCE WE ATTACK, HE AND HIS ENTIRE RACE WILL BE OBLITERATED!
WE MADE IT! NOW HOW ABOUT TELLIN' US HOW YA GOT THAT CRAZY POWER IN YOUR HANDS, BIG MAN!
WAIT-- TILL WE REACH-- THE SURFACE, KID!
YES, I TOO WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU DURING THE TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
WE'LL TALK--LATER. GOTTA-- DEPRESSURIZE CABIN-- NOW...
IT'S LIKE A MIRACLE! IN THIS SILLY LITTLE SHIP, YOU FOUND ME UNDER THE SEA-- AND SAVED ME!
YEAH-- DACK 'N ME-- A COUPLE'A-- SUPER HERO-- UNNHH...
RAVAGE! RAVAGE! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
HE'S HAVIN' TROUBLE BREATHIN'!
CAN'T TALK-- CAN'T MOVE! GOTTA-- REST...

LISTEN! THAT NOISE! AN ENGINE-- ABOVE US!
AWW, NO! IT'S A PUBLIC EYE BATTLE-COPTER! AND THEY SPOTTED US!
MR. HENTON, THERE'S AN UNCERTIFIED VESSEL DRIFTING DIRECTLY BELOW!
HOVER LOWER, PILOT! I THINK I RECOGNIZE ITS OCCUPANTS!
WELL, WELL, THIS IS INDEED MY LUCKY DAY!
HERE I AM RETURNING TO ALCHEMAX IN OUR MOST HEAVILY-ARMED AIR-CRAFT--
AND HELPLESSLY TARGETED BELOW ME ARE THE THREE PEOPLE I MOST WANT TO DESTROY!
NEXT: SKY ABOVE, DEATH BELOW!

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OUT OF MY HEAD

We've just completed 2099 Writers' Conference II. This year's topic: the big crossover that will be in all our books reaching the stands in December! For all of you who have wanted the Punisher to meet Ravage. . .or Spider-Man to meet Doom. . .your requests have been heard and obeyed!

Not only will the four books you already know be a part of this massive story, but we've worked in an important part for the new X-MEN 2099. In case you haven't heard, the new 2099 title (which was the one most overwhelmingly suggested after my "Out of My Head" in SPIDEY 2099), will be written by John Francis Moore, who's already surpassed all of his previous work with DOOM 2099. The art chores fall to Ron Lim, penciler and Adam Kubert, inker. Excited yet?

While I'm still pulling on your coat, let me again thank the big unsung heroine of Writers' Conference, the multi-talented Ms. Sarra Mossoff. Sarra can out-talk Peter David and out-party the British guys.

More on the crossover as this page continues. . .

Dear *Rants & Raves,*

Congratulations on an excellent comic. RAVAGE is one of, if not the, best series I've ever read. I hope you never end this series because I will be a lifelong collector. Guess what my name is. . .give up yet?

It's Tiana! And guess what my boyfriend's name is. If you guessed Paul, well, you're right. Can you imagine what a shock it was to see our names printed in black and white, I had to do a double take. Especially when I figured out that they are a couple. I was wondering how you picked the names for RAVAGE 2099. Coincidence? Maybe or maybe not. Who knows, but it's a great personal touch for me. I know this is Paul-Philip Ravage's comic, but I would like to see more of Tiana sometime soon. If Tiana needs a last name, mine is available.

Good luck in the future with RAVAGE 2099, it's my favorite. I will treasure it for the rest of my life. Thank you.

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Tiana gets a pivotal star turn in the upcoming crossover, which we're calling "The Fall of the Hammer!" Keep reading, Tiana!

Dear Ranters,

Giving Ravage super powers was perhaps the wisest decision Stan Lee has ever made. Before issue #5, every time I saw Ravage in action, I thought of him as a Punisher who talked like Ben Grimm. This new power changes everything. Now Ravage can stand on his own. This has certainly made me much more excited about this title. In fact, my cousin David was going to drop this title because Ravage didn't seem that interesting to him. When I told him about Ravage's new powers, he immediately decided he'd keep on collecting it after all.

I'm glad Stan and Paul will be constantly modifying Ravage's costume. That's certainly better than coming up with a completely new costume every fifty issues. As for the idea of giving Ravage a crew of followers, it's a great idea. He'll need all the help he can get in the battle against Alchemax.

Ben Herman
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If you think Ravage has changed so far, Ben, wait'll you see what's in the offing!

Dear *Rants & Raves,*

Ravage is absolutely fantastic! I loved the first four issues and can't wait to get the fifth. I've already got a subscription and Ravage is currently my favorite comic. Stan Lee and Paul Ryan are the ultimate. Paul is a great artist, capturing the exact image needed. Stan makes the comic worth reading. Right now I can't stand the suspense. I want to see what's up with Ravage's hands.

1) What'll happen to Dack? Is he going to be in the comic from now on? Don't get rid of him. Just don't turn Ravage and him into Batman and Robin.

2) Is Dethstryk going to be a long-time enemy of Ravage? Will he be defeated soon?

Make Ravage a Punisher-type rather than a goody-goody public hero. He should fight crime vigorously.

I definitely plan to stick with Ravage for a long time to come!

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1) Dack's not going anywhere, Bill!
2) To say anything would spoil it! All we can say is, "You'll see!"

Dear *R & R,*

I just finished reading issue #6. The idea of a "Savage Crew" is good, if only so Ravage'd have someone to talk to (he seems to talk to himself a lot). Maybe Doom can help him harness his power, with some special gloves which store up the power for future use, if Doom doesn't try to use Ravage for his own gain.

Where are the super groups? Will we see them (Avengers, X-Men, etc.) in this mag or in the 2099 universe at all? How about Avengers 2099 or X-Men 2099?

Will there be an all out battle between Alchemax and the four heroes in this early part of the 2099 universe?

Until Ravage shaves, Make Mine Marvel!

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Are you reading our minds, Ian? Doom steps into this ish, but the crossover will bring him into even closer proximity! As for X-MEN 2099, issue #1 hits the stands in August!

Dear *Rants & Raves,*

A mutated super hero with an attitude. You guys are geniuses. After reading Ravage #5 I'm a faithful reader for life. When I first saw Ravage I thought he was just a man with no special powers, but I was wrong, dead wrong. He's got so much power now he doesn't even know what to do with it.

His attitude is one of the main reasons people like Ravage. He's really cool.

1) Have a crossover with all the 2099 titles but don't have all the heroes on the same side.

2) Get Ravage his own headquarters.

3) Don't change his attitude one bit.

4) Look into an improved costume, but don't change the hair.

5) Look into other side effects of his mutation.

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If that was a multiple-choice test, Kev, we'd say, "All of the above!"

NEXT ISSUE: Paul Ryan needed a break after producing that double-size issue of the FANTASTIC FOUR, so to give him a break, guest artist Grant Miehm steps in to draw Ravage busting into Henton's office! The showdown's called "Sky Above, Death Below!"

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #8 The Freakers attack! The Vulture goes berserk! Kasey fights shoulder to shoulder with the S-Man! Will they get out of Downtown alive?

DOOM 2099 #6 This starts with the most unexpected "guest stars" of all... and rockets toward an ending that will make strong men weep! (It's printed with onion juice!)

THE PUNISHER 2099 #5 The criminals of the 21st century have found a new place to dwell. It's down at the end of Gallows' street. . . "Punishment Hotel!"